

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ನರಕಾಸಕ್ತ ಯೋಗ್ಯರಾದ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರು ನಿಗದಿದ್ದರೆ ಆಗ ಇದನ್ನು ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಪಾಧವರಾವ್.—ಇದನ್ನು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗೃತೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

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Investigation of the Old Mahalingapur and other Gold Mines in Gadag by the Department of Minerology.

*Q.—62. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the investigation and research work by the Department of Minerology of the old Mahalingapur and other gold mines in the Kappat Range of Hills in Gadag Taluk area in Dharwar District has been completed ;

(b) if so, whether the testing work with regard to the availability of getting gold in the said mines has also been completed ;

(c) the percentage of gold that is to be found therein as per the test made ;

(d) whether the work of the said Gold Mines to take out gold will be started ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) Yes. The first stage of investigation at Mahalingapur block has been completed.

(b) Yes. To the extent the investigations are completed ;

(c) 2.2 Dwts. (Penny weights) per ton of ore ;

(d) No.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—What has been done, Sir, at the first stage ?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—Investigation up to a depth of 500'.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—How many stages are still to be gone into to take out gold ?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—First stage is over and the results are not very encouraging. However, it is proposed to take up the second stage and go deeper to find out whether the deeper deposits would be of better value.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—When the work will be started to go deeper into the mines ?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—It is a question of cost. It is estimated that the cost would be about Rs. 5 lakhs, and if funds could be made available the second stage will be taken up. I am afraid, it may not be possible on account of the austerity measures to be followed in governmental expenditure. However, if funds are made available, the second stage will be taken up.

† Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—In answer to (d), the reply is 'No'. Does it mean that the Government have given up the idea?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—The investigation work is not complete. Whether the work would be taken up or not, the first stage investigation is over and the second stage has to be taken up. As I have already said, the results of first stage investigation are not encouraging.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Whether this 2.2 Dwts. (Penny weights) will be equal as gram or tola weight?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—Penny weight per ton, is the standard measure. So the quantity is measured in terms of Penny weights.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—What is the quality of gold in terms of carot?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—For pure gold the carot is 22.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Are there still more mines to be investigated in that area, Sir?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—There are about 9 more mines in that area.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know which are they?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—

1. Dharwar Gold Mines,
2. Dharwar Reefs Co., Ltd.,
3. Gold Fields of Dharwar India Ltd.,
4. Hosur Gold Mines of Dharwar,
5. Sangli Gold Mines of Dharwar,
6. Champion Reefs Gold Mines,
7. Reefs Block Gold Mines,
8. Mysore Reefs Gold Mines,
9. Gold Fields of Mysore.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Is the work of investigation of those mines started, Sir?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—They were investigated some years back by M/s. John Tailor & Sons. For some, we have asked for the reports of the investigation and the cost involved in obtaining the reports will be about Rs. 6,300. We have asked for sanction of this amount from the Government for obtaining the reports from M/s. John Tailor & Sons.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know when investigation was made by M/s. John Tailor & Sons?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—When investigation was made is not exactly known. However, they have been investigated long ago by M/s. John Tailor & Sons. We will know the particulars only when we are able to get the reports obtained from them.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know when the work of these investigations be taken up by Government?

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—We are now trying to obtain the reports and from the reports if it is found worthwhile taking up further investigation, the matter will be considered.